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as in the case of the South because the absence of company stores made it impossible to gather such definite information as to daily expenditures. But interesting comparisons of housing conditions and menus in the South and in Fall River are made, and estimates of expenditures are given.

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The Ethics of the Old Testament. By HINCKLEY G. MITCHELL, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis in Tufts College. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. Pp. x+417.

The student of sociology has long needed a work of this kind, whether the need has been of the "long-felt" variety or not. Professor Mitchell takes the Old Testament as a source-book full of material of different ages, according to the analysis of historical criticism, and puts this material on view in the order of its antiquity, with special reference to the moral standards of successive periods. By thus exhibiting Hebrew codes of conduct in chronological rank, the author supplies a treatise on social evolution from the standpoint of the ethical interest. His book, however, is not a history; and hence its full value will not be apparent to one who has had no introduction to the modern way of interpreting the Bible. For this reason, the book should be used along with such works as Henry Preserved Smith's *Old Testament History* and Kent's *History of the Hebrew People*. Equipped with these, and with a good modern translation of the Hebrew text, the sociological student will have the tools which will enable him to go a long way toward handling, in terms of his own discipline, one of the most fascinating problems in human history. Sociologists have long recognized the importance of religion as one of the great moving forces of civilization; and within this field they are bound to be more and more impressed by the need of coming to terms with the Bible in particular as representing the special form of religion which functions at the basis of modern society. In this new adjustment of scholarly interests, Professor Mitchell's book will be of unique value.

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The Evolution of the Country Community. By WARREN H. WILSON. Chicago: Pilgrim Press, 1912.

The Preface is written by Professor F. H. Giddings, who says of the book: "It would not be possible, I think, to present these two aspects of